

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

10:15 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Minuet & Air Tendre

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

PRELUDE

Méditation, from 'Thaïs'

Jules Massenet

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Olivia Kelly

One: We are people of all ages who enter this space, bringing our joys and concerns.

All: We come together in hope.

One: We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles.

All: We come together in peace.

One: We share our dreams and our aspirations.

All: We come together in wonder.

One: We sing and pray and listen. We speak and read and meditate.

We strive for justice and mercy.

All: We come together in worship.

*PRAYER +

For the sake of others and for the sake of ourselves, we come to you, O God.

We seek words that convey grace. We seek touch that brings healing.

We seek strength that does good.

We seek you: Hear us . . . Touch us . . . Heal us . . . Send us . . .

for the sake of your world **Amen**

*HYMN 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

CONFESSION +

All: O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good:

we gather to give you our thanks,

yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness.

What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack.

We have squandered your bounty,

with little thought for those who will come after us.

We are more troubled by the few who have more than the many who have less.

Forgive us, O God.

In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving,

and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life.

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

One: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst.
Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**All: No longer lost, we have found our way home,
surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jill Kelly

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 17:55—18:9 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Pew Bible page 250, 263

SERMON *Holy Lament*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY *Violin Concerto in E-major ('Spring,' excerpt)* *Antonio Vivaldi*

*DOXOLOGY 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we
forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN (see back page) *God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn* *KINGSFOLD*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon, from 'Idoménée* *André Campra*

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

The flowers today are given by Joan Firmin in celebration of the life of Jim Firmin.

Violinist **Abreal Whitman** is a recent graduate of the Eastman School of Music. She has performed with the Mozart Mentors, Augusta (Maine) Symphony, Junior Repertory Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, and Boston Youth Orchestra. Abreal is pursuing her master's degree in performance at the LSU School of Music where she is associate concertmaster in the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra. This summer marks her second season with the OLO.

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

The Mission of More Light Presbyterians: Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

Earth Care Pledge: Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church: Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	July 7 – Carol Gates	July 14 – Pam Giffin
Sunday Ushers:	July 7 – Kris Evans, Tim Fair, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen	
Sunday Sexton:	July 7 – Aiden Hiner	July 14 – Calin Baxstrom
Communion Servers:	July 7 – Paula Abrecht, Carol Gates, Mimi Lewellen	
Sunday, July 7	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship Service
Monday, July 8	9:30 am Staff Mtg.	10:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Rotary
Tuesday, July 9	9:30 am Bible Study	10:00 am Walk and Talk 6:00 pm Scouts
Wednesday, July 10	10:00 am Life Memory Café	7:00 pm Faith & Practice
Friday, July 12	10:45 W. C. Parkinson's Network	
Saturday, July 13	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, July 14	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship Service

God Weeps with Us

KINGSFOLD CMD

Thomas H. Troeger

English Country Songs, 1893
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1. God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours,
2. Through tears and sor-row, God, we share a sense of your vast grief:
3. And yet be-cause like us, you weep, we trust you will re-ceive

and God's own heart is bruised and worn from all the heav-y hours
the weight of bear-ing ev-ery prayer for heal-ling and re-lief,
and in your ten-der heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,

of watch-ing while the soul's bright fire burned lo-wer day by day,
the bur-den of our ques-tions why, the doubts that they en-gage,
while with your tears our hearts will taste the deep, dear core of things

and pulse and breath and love's de-sire dimmed down to ash and clay.
and as our friends and loved ones die, our hope-less-ness and rage.
from which both life and death are graced by love's re-new-ing springs.



GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS

Please join us for **TWO** opportunities in July, weather permitting. We will walk for about an hour, but you are welcome to leave earlier if needed.

-Tuesday, July 16th at 7 pm-Barnes Preserve-3396 Sylvan Road, Wooster.

***We will meet in the parking lot area/pavilion.**

-Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 pm-Wooster Memorial Park-5197 Silver Rd, Wooster.

***We will meet in the first paved parking lot by the open field and paths.**

Questions? Contact Carrie Gordon at (614) 565-3541 or email

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Lydia Dunlap and Acadia Webb will be performing as Louisa in the musical. Lydia Dunlap will be performing on 6/13, 6/22, 6/29, 7/11, 7/13, 7/20. Acadia Webb will be performing on 6/15, 6/19, 7/5, 7/7, 7/16, and (Lydia covers for Acadia on 7/26. To purchase tickets for this wonderful production: www.ohiolightopera.org (online box office) or 330.263.2090 (call the box office).



Hunger does not take a summer vacation, and People to People can use our help in restocking their pantry shelves so that they can help those who are experiencing food scarcity. Just leave them in the boat outside the office and People to People will happily collect them. THANK YOU!

Canned Chicken

1 Box of Pasta

Cream of Chicken Soup (1-2 Cans)

Canned Mushrooms

Canned Green Beans

Canned Peaches